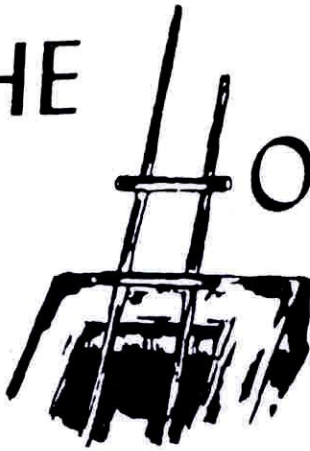


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Dear Mr. Polk,

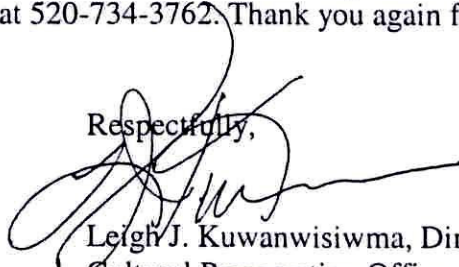
Thank you for your letter dated June 25, 2001, regarding a proposal by several counties and agencies in Central Utah to re-establish a rail line from Levan to Salina through Juab, Sanpete and Sevier Counties, over about 60 miles. The Hopi Tribe claims cultural affiliation to prehistoric cultural groups in Utah, and therefore we appreciate your solicitation of our input and your efforts to address our concerns.

The Hopi Tribe considers our ancestral villages, referred to as archaeological sites, to be Hopi Traditional Cultural Places. Other Hopi Traditional Cultural Places associated with our ancestral and modern Villages are shrines, trails, rock markings, and traditional gathering places. Hopi people consider prehistoric archaeological sites and isolated occurrences to be the "footprints" of our ancestors, and we do not consider our ancestral Villages to be "abandoned."

Therefore, the Hopi Cultural Preservation appreciates your request for our assistance, and we accept your invitation to participate as a consulting party during the development of the environmental document. To assist us in determining if there are prehistoric properties or Traditional Cultural Places in this area of potential effect, please provide us with a copy of a cultural resources survey, along with information regarding project impacts on identified resources, for review and comment.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Clay Hamilton at the Hopi Cultural Preservation Office at 520-734-3762. Thank you again for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Leigh J. Kuwanwisiwma, Director
Cultural Preservation Office

cc: Clay Hamilton, HCPO

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